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TOWN EXPENDITURES.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Cash paid out by the Town Treasurer, by order of the Selectmen:

SCHOOLS.

Paid for	District No. 1,	$310 95	
	District No. 2,	154 76	
	District No. 3,	90 00	
	District No. 4,	201 06	
	District No. 5,	211 87	
	District No. 6,	120 63	
	District No. 7,	152 98	
	District No. 8,	94 88	
	District No. 9,	30 00	
	District No. 10,	90 00	
	District No. 11,	241 70	
	District No. 12,	300 00	
	District No. 13,	200 23	
			$2,199 06
	School Committee and printing,		76 50

REPAIRING ROADS.

Paid	A. C. Wheeler,	$8 59
	Geo. A. Hartshorn,	6 00
	Almon A. Hill,	1 50
	S. A. Russell,	3 00
	William R. Thompson,	10 00
	William T. Bucknam,	67 60
	Charles R. Fletcher,	9 96
	William A. Cobbett,	3 64

Paid M. L. Sargent,	$15 89	
S. D. Blood,	7 50	
William T. Bucknam,	34 70	
William R. Thompson,	32 00	
F. W. Preston,	9 08	
Aaron S. Bucknam,	6 60	
J. C. Chandler,	6 50	
F. W. Prichard,	7 38	
Lewis E. Wilkinson,	12 40	
Thomas J. Huntee,	17 30	
M. M. Balch,	7 80	
G. A. Benjamin,	15 00	
Ford F. Reed,	7 75	
P. W. Manley,	3 00	
Edwin Maxwell,	6 90	
George F. Lougee,	5 00	
C. P. Nutting,	1 70	
Albert F. Wright,	15 55	
John Barnette,	9 69	
W. T. Bucknam,	7 80	
H. A. Willard,	8 05	
Earl H. Farwell,	6 00	
A. A. Hill,	1 50	
A. J. Goen,	6 50	
William R. Thompson,	2 60	
William T. Bucknam,	11 25	
Cost of four road scrapers,	100 00	
		$475 73

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid George Parmenter,	$ 4 00	
William A. Cobbett,	15 30	
Ralph A. Wright,	31 00	
Lewis E. Wilkinson,	44 65	
William H. Foster,	7 80	

Paid James E. Carr,	$14 15
Simon Rolf,	9 90
Charles Miller,	22 80
George C. Ramsdell,	22 90
Alden Wright,	7 10
Charles P. Whitney,	12 40
George Parmenter,	2 80
E. W. Maxwell,	2 80
Charles H. Davis,	19 75
Ralph A. Wright,	24 00
Horace Fish,	2 00
F. W. Prichard,	50 55
L. E. Wilkinson,	12 80
Aaron S. Bucknam,	29 30
George L. Morse,	2 80
Herbert W. Chandler,	42 00
George A. Benjamin,	38 50
Stephen W. Wheeler,	27 20
Thomas Wilson,	58 70
Charles H. Pratt,	41 10
Edmund Barton,	35 73
Edwin Maxwell,	23 95
John Barnette,	76 60
S. D. Blood,	28 50
A. C. Wheeler,	40 50
George H. Brooks,	11 05
Daniel C. Porter,	6 60
J. S. Wetherbee,	4 50
Thomas J. Huntee,	9 30
George W. Taylor,	7 93
Seth L. Wheeler,	10 50
Charles R. Fletcher,	23 27
S. W. Mansfield,	11 55
William A. Winship,	4 40
H. W. Chandler,	7 40

Paid Charles P. Nutting,	$1 80	
C. F. Wheeler,	34 60	
J. Otis Wheeler,	7 85	
William A. Corbett,	10 00	
		$902 33

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Supervisors,	$15 00	
F. W. Preston, Treasurer,	35 00	
Auditors,	10 00	
J. E. F. Marsh, Jr., Town Clerk,	47 95	
Joseph A. Wheeler,	7 50	
William T. Bucknam,	90 00	
William Wheeler,	81 50	
W. R. Thompson,	67 25	
Police,	37 73	
		$391 93

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for Printing and stationery,	$53 47	
Interest on ministerial fund,	78 93	
Cemetery,	6 78	
Ringing bell and repairs,	53 00	
Reporting births and deaths,	16 00	
Collection of taxes and abatements,	189 41	
Personal damages on highway,	228 00	
Law expenses,	25 00	
Aid on Decoration Day,	50 00	
Land damage on new road,	70 00	
Expense of Fire Department,	350 99	
Wood,	6 71	
		$1,128 29

SUMMARY.

Total for Schools,	$2,275 56	
Paupers,	369 76	
Repairing roads,	475 73	
Breaking roads,	902 33	
Town officers,	391 93	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,128 29	
		$5,543 60

WILLIAM T. BUCKNAM,
WILLIAM WHEELER,
WILLIAM R. THOMPSON, } *Selectmen.*

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

The following persons have received assistance from the town during the past year:

James Fletcher, Ellen McCuddy, Mary Hayden, A. J. Goen, George C. Hildreth, William S. White, Granville Nutting.

The total amount paid out on pauper account during the year, was	$369 76
Received from county,	103 08
Making the net cost for the year,	$266 68

WILLIAM T. BUCKNAM,
WILLIAM WHEELER,
WILLIAM R. THOMPSON, } *Overseers of the Poor.*

New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 19, 1884.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 1884.

F. W. PRESTON, TREASURER,
TO THE TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH, DR.

To cash received from last year,		$3,929 11
" " " "	County, for paupers,	103 08
" " " "	Collector for 1882,	319 37
" " " "	" " 1883,	6,821 26
" " " "	Savings Bank tax,	1,012 34
" " " "	Insurance tax,	3 75
" " " "	Literary fund,	130 05
		$12,318 96

CR. AS FOLLOWS:

By paying State tax,	$1,472 00
" " County tax,	1,122 94
" " School orders,	2,199 06
" " Town "	3,344 54
" Cash on hand,	4,180 42
	$12,318 96

FRANK W. PRESTON, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors appointed by the town to settle with the Treasurer and Selectmen have attended to the duties of their office, and submit the following report:

They find the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer properly vouched and correctly cast.

The expenses of the town the past year have been as follows:

To paying	State tax,	$1,472 00
"	County tax,	1,122 94
"	for Paupers,	369 76
"	" Breaking roads,	902 33
"	" Repairing "	475 73
"	" New "	70 00
"	" Town officers,	391 93
"	" Collection and abatement of taxes,	189 41
"	" Fire Department,	350 99
"	" Printing and stationery,	53 47
"	" Schools and committee,	2,275 56
"	" Law expenses,	25 00
"	" Cemeteries,	6 78
"	" Ministerial fund interest,	78 93
"	" Ringing bell and repairs,	53 00
"	" Reporting births and deaths,	16 00
"	" Decoration Day,	50 00
"	" Personal Damages,	228 00
"	" Miscellaneous,	6 71
		$8,138 54

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	$4,180 42
Due from Collector for 1882,	80 63
" " " " 1883,	400 00
" " C. H. Obear, on mortgage,	542 78
	$5,203 83

There are no liabilities of the town except the interest on the school and ministerial funds, both amounting to $2,667.30, on which interest is paid annually.

We recommend that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500,00) be raised for the incidental expenses of the town the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. O. PRESTON,
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
GEORGE WHITING,
} *Auditors.*

New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 19, 1884.

and there is the place to begin and to work from, the place to get a good start.

In hopes to help the teachers keep up the interest in reading classes, I effected an exchange of Readers. The same firm issued a set of books entirely new, still calling them Franklin Readers. These they gave us in exchange for old ones, without expense, looking for their pay from profits on future sales. Only the first four numbers could be then secured, but there is now a fifth to be had.

With these general remarks, and the wish that the parents cherish these schools as inestimable treasure, and also that they labor for moral purity in them with untiring watchfulness, I now proceed to introduce the schools to you individually.

District No. 1.

Mrs. Mary H. Thayer, Prudential Committee.
Will A. Thayer, Teacher.

With only a little experience, it was quite a task for this young man to undertake a village school, and that in his own district. Considering the difficulties, he deserves much praise. His qualifications, moral and literary, are good, and his whole interest and energy were for the school. Fair progress seemed made by the scholars; on the part of some, excellent progress. The violence of the wind storm broke up the school so completely that only five pupils were present at the final examinations. These did well as we would expect heroes to do. The same determination that defies the weather overcomes other obstacles in this life, where heroism is so precious a virtue. At least seven of the

larger pupils of this district availed themselves of the excellent instruction at the Academy, and so we miss the large scholars from the public school. Those remaining in it are, on the average, small, but very bright and attractive.

District No. 2.

Oliver Tenney, Prudential Committee.
Miss M. Lizzie Hadley, Teacher.

Having done good service in town before, we all expected good things of Miss Hadley. We were not disappointed. I judge the parents very far from disappointed, as they have just set her at work in the new term now in session. Uniformity of treatment and exalted aims on the teacher's part seem to have secured the respect of all the pupils, and resulted in a quiet, healthy and industrious school, from which only good fruit could come.

District No. 4.

Clinton W. Demont, Prudential Committee.
Emma A. Wellington, Teacher.

Sickness interrupted the work of this year here more than usual. Finally it closed the school sooner than had been expected. On this account, perhaps, the school did not do itself justice examination day. The scholars seemed quite attached to the teacher, and she had the respect of the parents, and did faithful service for them. I hope that regular attendance and faithful effort by pupils will in future secure any ground lost in the past. We all rejoice in the improvement made by repairing the room. Give the children as good as there

is, everywhere; they are our choicest treasure in this life.

District No. 5.

Richard H. Davis, Prudential Committee.
Evelina Davis, Teacher.

The people of this village think they have beaten the crowd the past year in the matter of schools. Having found a good thing, they were shrewd enough to keep it, as they hired their old teacher over again, and kept her for the year. They say some things are good enough without praising. If so, I will only say of the second term that its examination day was one of the best I ever knew. No fault of teacher or pupils hindered a complete repetition of that success, I presume; but sickness did deplete the attendance, and, of course, detracted from the interest of the pupils. Especial mention here also must be made of the respect secured from the large scholars—a fact I always like to chronicle.

District No. 6.

Thomas J. Huntee, Prudential Committee.
Addie S. Roberts, Teacher.

This school was in session only during the winter —one long term. Perhaps I might also call it thin as well as long, as there were but two pupils. These, with their prompt and plucky teacher deserve praise. They stood by the ship, and did bravely.

It was the teacher's first term, she being the only novice in the business in town. I think the district

approved her work and appreciated her promptness and decision. I always found a neat room, industrious pupils and thorough instruction. One needs to think of it a while in order to see how difficult it is to make a first rate school for fourteen weeks with only two scholars. Such a one I think they had here.

District No. 7.

J. Otis Wheeler, Prudential Committee.
Mrs. Annie E. Farwell, Teacher.

Here the authorities were wise enough to secure a teacher of established reputation. She did good, faithful work. It is apparent that things go hard in this school. It must be called backward, although it is not without some keen scholars. They certainly had good opportunity to learn this year, and I think they did try pretty well. Firm purpose and hard labor will gain the victory in the end. It is indeed no great disadvantage to be what is popularly called "hard to learn," provided one appreciates knowledge and is industrious. These large scholars must try hard, if they would rank with faithful scholars elsewhere.

District No. 8.

Mrs. Elmina Davis, Prudential Committee.
Helen E. Hood, Teacher.

Good fortune also brought a teacher to this little school that needs no new commendation in New Ipswich. She made for herself a lasting reputation in No. 11 by years of faithful service and patient continuance in

all well doing. These little pupils much needed a faithful drill in fundamentals, and this teacher of experience was not long in seeing the want, nor backward in supplying it. This resulted in marked improvement, especially in reading and writing. The scholars found out that they knew some things, and knew them certain,—a very desirable thing in school.

District No. 9.

Mrs. A. Carr, Prudential Committee.
Addie L. Moreland, Teacher.

I was pleased to have here the same teacher I counseled with two years since. It is always a pleasure to find a teacher re-employed by the parents who have the scholars, for they, if intelligent, are the best judges of the quality of the instruction given.

Some additions from outside made the school quite respectable in numbers, as it is always more than respectable in quality. That old knowledge-shop does not improve very much in attractiveness, but it rings with good prompt answers, and is made radiant with bright faces that want to look into things. What a pleasure to see the fire fly when a fact or idea *really strikes* a growing mind!

District No. 11.

Charles B. Preston, Prudential Committee.
Geo. K. Mayhew and L. Ann Haywood, Teachers.

One term only could Mr. Mayhew endure the fatigue of the school-room. After two and a third years of successful labor, we were obliged to give him up.

Disease was stronger even than his great love for this place and school, and obliged him to go home sick. Parents could only be sorry to lose him whom they knew so worthy of their confidence; whose purity and good taste had been a safe model for the young, and very healthful in society.

One to take his place was found at the very entrance of the school yard. She had done good service in former years elsewhere, and did not disappoint us here. The school was orderly and industrious, and made good progress—some of the small ones very remarkable progress. Several young men also helped give character to its last term.

District No. 12.

John S. Taylor, Prudential Committee.
Genevieve Webber, Teacher.

I have always admired the skill of one who can succeed here, even for a term. Certainly I appreciate the labor of one who has done well all the year.

To manage so many little ones and do justice to all, is no small task. There is so much fundamental work constantly called for here. One-half the pupils French, many of them unable to converse at all in English, and then the constant changes, and other things "too numerous to mention," make up a very difficult school.

Happily, the parents seem now harmonious and helpful, so the teacher was appreciated and for the most part well used. Most of the foreign children are quick to learn, and some of their parents appreciate our school privileges, while others seem to think school a source of

persecution to people who only come here to earn money. These latter occasionally make trouble, but for the most part they act reasonably well. And if otherwise, allowance should be made. The year was a very profitable one to the school.

District No. 13.

J. E. F. Marsh, Jr., Prudential Committee.
Carrie B. Wilson, Teacher.

In several other schools in town Miss Wilson has proved herself faithful and untiring. Here again she was always earnest and patient. Strong attachment existed between teacher and scholars. The attendance was excellent until interrupted by sickness, and good progress resulted on the part of most of the school. There are now some very interesting pupils belonging here, who, in their beautiful room, make a very attractive school. They might secure, perhaps, a little more definiteness in statement by making the effort, the same being true also of most of the other schools.

I cannot close without a word of truth that these teachers are certainly entitled to. They have given their whole time to their several schools. That is, they have not wasted their energies in frivolity or other occupation, and then droned out tired hours in order to secure the town's money, but they have worked and earned it, and for this I thank them.

I could have criticised each one some, perhaps, as fault-finding is very easy, but I have chosen to do otherwise in this report. I make this general suggestion to

them: Study to be clear; if the *idea* in the book is swamped in words, extricate it; see that the pupil gets the idea, your own or the author's. A pile of book sayings or teachers' words that convey no definite idea to the mind of the learner are only so much rubbish. Don't be afraid to break the shell that the pupil may get the kernel, though you need not eat it for him. Get a definite answer, and don't say yes each time; and don't repeat the answer save in exceptional cases.

The following table will give additional information, all I think needed, to understand the present status of our schools.

The "roll of honor" appended would have been longer had there been no more than ordinary trouble from sickness.

STATISTICS.

No. of the District.	Season of the Year.	Length in Weeks.	Teachers.	Wages.	No. in Attendance.	In Reading.	In Spelling.	In Writing.	In Arithmetic.	In Geography.	In Grammar.	In History.	In Composition.	In Book-keeping.	In Algebra.
1	Summer,	8	Will A. Thayer,	$36	37	36	23	24	29	12	13	6			
	Fall,	10		36	33	32	23	23	26	13	11	3			2
	Winter,	12		36	24	21	19	22	23	8	10				
2	Summer,	10	M. Lizzie Hadley,	24	7	7	7	7	5	4	5	1			
	Winter,	12		26	7	7	7	6	6	5	6	1			
3			No School.												
4	Summer,	8	Emma A. Wellington,	24	15	15	15	10	11	9	5		5		1
	Fall,	8		24	17	17	17	13	13	13	6		6		1
	Winter,	10		28	17	17	17	14	14	12	7	3	5		1
5	Summer,	8	Evelina Davis,	27	17	17	15	17	11	5	6	3	15		
	Fall,	8		28	22	22	22	11	15	12	12	4	20		
	Winter,	10		32	14	14	14	6	11	6	5	3	8		3
6	Winter,	14	Addie S. Roberts,	22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2		1
7	Summer,	7	Mrs. Annie C. Farwell,	24	13	13	13	6	8	4	4				
	Fall,	11		29	15	15	14	8	10	7	5				1
8	Summer,	10	Helen E. Hood,	20	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
	Fall,	9		20	6	6	6	6	5	1	1				
9	Summer,	6	Addie L. Mooreland,	24	9	9	9	7	6	6	4				1
	Fall,	7		24	9	8	8	7	7	3	6		3		
10			Not under our care.												
11	Summer,	10	George K. Mayhew,	30	11	11	11	10	6	4	6	1	1		1
	Fall,	10	L. Ann Haywood,	26	13	13	13	11	7	6	6		6		
	Winter,	10		28	13	13	13	11	11	5	6		6	2	
12	Summer,	10	Genevieve Webber,	28	35	35	35	18	14	9	6	2			
	Fall,	11		28	33	32	32	32	14	9	8	1			
	Winter,	12		28	34	32	32	32	22	14	8	6	1		
13	Summer,	8	Carrie B. Wilson,	28	15	15	15	9	13	10	8	2			
	Fall,	10		28	21	21	21	10	16	14	11				
	Winter,	8		28	17	17	17	10	14	9	10	3	3		

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 1.

Ellen C. Gibson,
Lottie J. Perry.

Hattie M. White,
Ella G. Fletcher,
Walter S. Thayer.

Ellen C. Gibson,
Eva M. Keyes,

Ellen C. Gibson,
Walter S. Thayer.

District No. 2.

Mary A. Batten,
Charles B. E. Batten.

Eda L. Mansfield,
Lottie M. Batten.

District No. 4.

Abbie L. Balch,
Eliza J. Davis,
Elon F. Tandy,
Melvin B. Whitney.

Alice L. Putnam,
Hattie P. A. Chapman,
Melvin B. Whitney.

Abbie L. Balch,
Eliza J. Davis,

Hattie P. A. Chapman,
Elon F. Tandy,
Melvin B. Whitney.

District No. 5.

Susie Blanchard,
Edith Blanchard,
Francella Blanchard,
Nelson Blanchard,
Carrie Carlton,
Clara Maxwell,
Bertie Wallace,
Eddie Wheeler.

Alice Blanchard,
Nelson Blanchard,
Francella Blanchard,
Horace Blanchard,
Clinton Maxwell,
Alice Maxwell,
Eddie R. Wheeler,
Bertie Wallace,
Leslie H. Whitney.

Susie Blanchard,
Edith Blanchard,

Susie Blanchard,
Eddie R. Wheeler.

District No. 6.

Ella Hill.

District No. 7.

Leotie H. Whitney,
Wallace Nutting,
Maud Nutting,
Gertrude Nutting.

Gertrude M. Nutting,
Maud Nutting,
Minnie Nutting,
Frank Nutting,
Wallace Nutting.

District No. 8.

Lizzie Davis.

Lizzie Davis,
Imogene Rolfe,
Walter Rolfe.

District No. 9.

Emma L. Carr,
Amy H. Carr,
Ernest E. Carr,
Theodore P. Carr,

Roy D. Carr,
Fred Willard.

Theodore P. Carr.

District No. 11.

Willie E. Preston,
Fred J. Pratt.

Fred J. Pratt,
Philip Garant,
Delia Garant.

District No. 12.

Bennie Bolton,
Oscar Bolton,
Ernest Henry,
Delia Henry.

Ernest Henry,
Eva Brigham,
Valale Obear,
Lena Obear.

Bennie Bolton,
Oscar Bolton,

Bennie Bolton,
Ernest Henry.

District No. 13.

Katie M. Bucknam,
Mamie A. Bucknam,
Ella F. Marsh,
Pearl H. Wilson,
Abbie A. Wilson,
Chancy R. Perry,
John C. Perry.

Chancy Perry,
John C. Perry,
Charles L. Wilson.

Katie M. Bucknam,
Mamie A. Bucknam,
Carrie E. Lowe,
Ada M. Stiles,
Pearl H. Wilson,

Ella F. Marsh,
Pearl H. Wilson,
Abbie A. Wilson,

Abbie A. Wilson,
Fred G. Hardy,
Charles L. Wilson.

W. R. THOMPSON,

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